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LABOR INVESTING FOR TOMORROW (LIFT) INTERNSHIP

Labor Commissioner, Cecil R. Benjamin, announces that the Department of Labor has begun accepting applications for its *Labor Investing For Tomorrow (LIFT)* summer internship. The Labor Investing for Tomorrow (*LIFT*) program was created in 1989 as a summer internship program to provide college level students with an on the job experience in various business, technical and professional fields.

Lift is open to students between the ages of 18-25, inclusive, and has completed at least three (3) years of college and has a minimum G.P.A. of 2.80. Administrators of this program have designed a highly competitive selection process for this program. Each candidate must submit an essay which will be 60% of the determining factor. The essays will be judged based on the following criteria: **Content (30%), Mechanics (30%), Organizational Development (30%), and Style (10%)**. Each application is carefully reviewed through several checkpoints before it is forwarded to the office of the Assistant Commissioner for Employment and Training for a final assessment. Successful candidates that have passed this very rigorous process are scheduled for interviews.

Interested persons must meet certain eligibility requirements and can receive an application at the **Department of Labor on St. Croix at 2203 Church Street, or on St. Thomas at 53A & 54A&B Kronprindsens Gade**, via registered mail or by e-mail to lapetersen@vidol.gov.

Please direct all inquiries to the **Youth Job Development and Training Offices at 776-3700 in St. Thomas or 773-1994 in St. Croix**. Applications must be returned to the Youth Job

Development and Training Office, #2203 Church Street, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00820-4612, **no later than Monday, March 31, 2006**. Openings for this *LIFT* internship program are limited. Thus, all interested persons are urged to apply as early as possible.

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